THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lack of sophisticated Weapons with police force in Bihar

†1458. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether police force in Bihar has not been successful in dealing with criminals due to lack of sophisticated weapons and other means; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard alongwith its plan for future course of action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) It is primarily the concern of the State Government of Bihar to equip their police forces adequately to tackle criminals etc., since "Police" and "law and order" are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this regard, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing since 1969-70 a Non-plan Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces on 50:50 cost sharing basis, for which financial assistance is extended for a number of items including weaponry, communication/security, surveillance equipments, vehicles etc. The annual Central allocation was enhanced to Rs. 1000 crore from 2000-01 under the Scheme. During the financial years 2000-01 and 2001-02, against the approved modernisation plans of Rs. 115.17 crore and Rs. 108.00 crore respectively, Central share of Rs. 57.585 crore and Rs. 54.00 crore was released to the Government of Bihar under this Scheme. The State Government has reported utilization of an amount of Rs. 23.001 crore against the approved modernization plan of 2000-01. No utilization against the approved plan of 2001-02 has been reported. For the current financial year, 2002-03, the State Government of Bihar has recently forwarded their modernization plan for Rs. 132.95 crore.

Besides this, under the Scheme for Reimbursement of Security

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Related Expenditure to the States affected by Left-wing Extremism, which the Ministry of Home Affairs is operating, an amount of Rs. 38.85 crore has been reimbursed for the period from 1.4.96 to 31.3.2001, to the State Government of Bihar for the expenditure incurred by them to tackle the problem of Left Wing extremism. The items for which reimbursement is made includes weaponry, vehicles communication equipment, etc.

Training camps of terrorists abroad

†1459. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from PoK, the terrorist training camps are also being operated in Bhutan, Bangladesh and Burma;

(b) if so, number of such training camps being operated in each of the said countries;

(c) name of the terrorist organisations operating the said camps; and

(d) assessment made by the Government regarding the threat to the National Security by these training camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) Available inputs indicate that North-Eastern terrorist groups have established a number of camps including training camps in Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar. The ULFA and NDFB of Assam are reported to have camps in Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar. KLO of North Bengal has camps in Bhutan. ULFA is reported to be sharing some camps with NSCN (K) in Myanmar. NLFT/B NLFT/N and ATTF groups of Tripura are also reported to be having camps in Bangladesh.

The Government has been sharing its concerns from time to time with regard to terrorist training camps in Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan. These Governments have assured their full cooperation and help in containing terrorism and that their territories will not be allowed to be used for activities inimical to India's interest.

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